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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS.

EA, NEA, EB, IO AND H DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

ARA - SHLAUDEMAM

HUMAN RIGHTS-URUGUAY/PARAGUAY--HEW RYAN SPENT A TOUGH AFTERNOON TESTIFYING BEFORE A STANDING-ROOM-ONLY SESSION OF THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE. FRASER AND KOCH TRIED TO GET US TO ADMIT THAT THE SITUATION IN THESE COUNTRIES CONSTITUTES "A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS" TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORT TO CUT OFF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HEW, ABLY ASSISTED BY RON PALMER OF D/HA, WHILE ADMITTING OBVIOUS VIOLATIONS, AVOIDED ACCEPTING THAT DEFINITION. THE QUESTIONS WERE HOSTILE IN TONE AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECORDED THEIR CONTINUING DISTRUST OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENTS AND TESTIMONY ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HEW EMPHASIZED OUR POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR THE

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INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS THE BEST VEHICLE

FOR ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN THE HEMISPHERE.
HARRINGTON, FORTUNATELY FOR HEW, HAD TO LEAVE BEFORE
HIS TURN CAME UP BUT HE LEFT US SEVERAL PAGES OF THORNY
QUESTIONS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES

MESSAGE DATE ISSUE COUNTRY

8/3/76 MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO
FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA
REGARDING SALE OF HOWITZERS BRAZIL

L - MONROE LEIGH

--I CONFERRED WITH MCCLOSKEY REGARDING CSCE, AND HE HAS
UNDERTAKEN TO ADVISE FASCELL THAT YOU WISH TO SEE HIM LATER
IN THE MONTH.

--I CONFERRED WITH JACK MARSH AT THE WHITE HOUSE REGARDING
THE CALL FROM JAVITS' OFFICE SUGGESTING THAT WE SHOULD
HAVE CONSULTED UNDER THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION WITH
RESPECT TO THE LATEST BEIRUT EVACUATIONS. ALTHOUGH MARSH
ADVISES ME THAT THE USUAL CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD IN
ADVANCE OF THE SECOND BEIRUT EVACUATION, I WILL NOT GO BACK
TO JAVITS' OFFICE UNLESS THEY CALL ME ABOUT IT. ACTUALLY,
AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION, DID
NOT REQUIRE CONSULTATIONS FOR THIS EVACUATION.

--ALDRICH REVIEWED AND REVISED SEVERAL CABLES TO EMBASSY
MANILA DEALING WITH THE INTERPRETATION OF THE MUTUAL
DEFENSE TREATY, THE WAR POWERS ACT, AND PHILIPPINE CLAIMS
TO THE SPRATLY ISLANDS AND THE REED BANK.

--ALDRICH DISCUSSED WITH JUSTICE SEVERAL POTENTIAL
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THE EXPORT ADMINIS-
TRATION BILL ON WHICH THERE WILL BE HEARINGS BEFORE THE
HIRC ON AUGUST 10. WE AGREED THAT THE ISSUES ARE
RELATIVELY MINOR AND COULD BE HANDLED BY LETTER FROM STATE
TO THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WE EXPECT TO SEND IN THE NEXT
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DAY OR TWO.

--SCHWEBEL MET WITH WHITE OF ARA AND WITH IO ON THE
SUPPLY OF THREE US MILITARY OBSERVERS AND A FEW AIRCRAFT
TO THE OAS FOR ITS PEACEKEPPING MISSION ON THE HONDURAS-
ELSALVADOR BORDER. DEFENSE IS PREPARED TO SUPPLY THE
OBSERVERS AND AIRCRAFT BUT DEMANDS THAT STATE GUARANTEE
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES BY THE OAS. PRECEDENT DOES

NOT SUPPORT THIS DEFENSE DEMAND AND STATE APPEARS TO LACK
AUTHORITY TO GUARANTY FUNDING OF A FUNCTION WHICH IT
ITSELF IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

EUR:JOHN A. ARMITAGE, ACTING:

US-POLISH RELATIONS: OUR CHARGE DELIVERED SECRETARY
BUTZ' LETTER, SAYING WE WOULD GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERA-
TION TO POLES' CCC REQUESTS, TO BOTH THE MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. CHARGE UNDER-
LINED THAT THE LETTER WAS INTENDED TO SIGNIFY OUR COMMIT-
MENT TO CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS AT THIS SENSITIVE
JUNCTURE. BOTH MINISTERS AS WELL AS PARTY SECRETARY
FRELEK EXPRESSED THEIR GRATIFICATION AT OUR GESTURE.

NEW IDF BASE COMMANDER: ADMIRAL KARL BERNSTEIN, THE
NEW COMMANDER OF THE ICELANDIC DEFENSE FORCES BASED IN
KEFLAVIK CALLED ON DICK VINE TODAY. DICK GAVE HIM A
PESSIMISTIC PROGNOSIS OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENTS IN ICELAND AND POINTED OUT HOW DELICATE THE
BASE PROBLEM WOULD BE. BERNSTEIN, WHO HAS BEEN POSTED
THERE BEFORE, IS A VERY SENSIBLE FELLOW AND VERY ALERT TO
THE NEED FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT
AND THE LOCAL POPULATION.

ACTION ITEMS ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

PM--GSVEST--DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT

BRIEFING SENATOR CLARK ON ARMS TRANSFERS--I BRIEFED SENATOR
DICK CLARK (IOWA) TODAY AT HIS REQUEST ON OUR ARMS TRANSFER
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POLICIES AND PRACTICES FROM A GENERAL RATHER THAN AN
AFRICAN POINT OF VIEW. THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE HAD
SUCH A TALK WITH HIM. ALTHOUGH SOME OF HIS QUESTIONS WERE
PROMPTED BY THE RECENT PRESS FLURRY ON MASSIVE SALES TO
IRAN, HE WAS MODERATE AND THOUGHTFUL, AND SEEMED RESPONSIVE
TO EXPLANATIONS OF OUR INTERESTS IN THAT PORTION OF THE
GLOBE.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES:

(1) MESSAGE DATE: 8/4/76

ISSUE: US/FRG TANK HARMONIZATION PROGRAM--TEXT OF
PRESS RELEASE AND THE ADDENDUM TO THE 1974 MOU ON THE SAME
SUBJECT WHICH WAS CONFIRMED BY RUMSFELD AND LEBER YESTER-

DAY AND RELEASED TODAY. GUIDANCE PROVIDED FOR RESPONDING
TO QUERIES BY ALLIES.

COUNTRIES: ALL NATO CAPITALS

(2) MESSAGE DATE: 8/3/76

ISSUE: SENT A TELEGRAM AUTHORIZING EMBASSIES TO IN-
FORM RESPECTIVE HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR MILITARY ASSIST-
ANCE PROGRAM (MAP) AND INT'L MILITARY EDUCATION AND
TRAINING (IMET) ALLOCATIONS FOR BOTH FY 76 AND FY 1975, AND
NOTIFIED CONGRESS OF OUR ACTIONS.

AF - CHARLES A. JAMES, ACTING

TODAY, I MET WITH MR. JACK DAVIDSON, OUR CHARGE
AT NIAMEY.

THIS AFTERNOON, I HOSTED A DISCUSSION INVOLVING
SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE US-SOUTH AFRICAN
LEADER EXCHANGE PROGRAM (USSALEP) AND OFFICERS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER AGENCIES.
THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS WERE:
ADVOCATE DAVID P. DEVILLIERS, MANAGING DIRECTOR
OF NATIONALE PERS, PUBLISHER OF SOME MAJOR AFRIKAANS
NEWSPAPERS; MR. SAMUEL M. MOTSUENYANA, PRESIDENT,
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NATIONAL AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;
MR. TERTIUS MYBURGH, EDITOR, SUNDAY TIMES, AN ENGLISH
NEWSPAPER AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF USSALEP,
MR. JAMES BREWER.

TOMORROW: I WILL BE MEETING MR. AGYEMAN, GHANANIAN
CHARGE AND AMBASSADOR BAH OF GUINEA TO DISCUSS
MULTILATERAL ISSUES

ACTION ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

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